(b) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has been intimated about this observation for necessary action.

Early Warning System at Visakhapatnam

2558. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam has been selected by Tsunami expert to install an early warning system that would have network connection with 36 countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the earlier offer to set up a Tsunami warning system in India was rejected due to lack of funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Coastal Monitoring and Prediction System

2559. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coastal Monitoring and Prediction system (COMAPS) has been launched by Government for conduct of studies in the coastal regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the organisational structure handling the COMAPS and the studies, salient features of the system and objective behind its launching;

(c) the benefits, if any, derived by studies carried out; and